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SUBJ: POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF SURINAM MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
ON CORRUPTION CHARGE

1. ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE PRESS REPORTS, MINISTER PRESIDENT ARRON HAS "ADVISED" MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES WILLY SOEMITA TO RESIGN FROM THE CABINET. ARRON IS SAID TO HAVE DONE THIS IN A LONG MEETING WITH SOEMITA, AFTER THE MINISTER PRESIDENT HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE DETAILS OF THE CASE ASSEMBLED AGAINST SOEMITA AND HIS ASSISTANTS FOR BRIBERY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF FARM LANDS IN WEST SURINAM. SOEMITA IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD ARRON THAT HE WOULD "CONSIDER" THE ADVICE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SURINAM CONSTITUTION, IF SOEMITA RESIGNS HE AUTOMATICALLY RESUMES THE SEAT IN PARLIAMENT WHICH HE GAVE UP UPON ENTERING THE CABINET, THUS DISPLACING THE LAST MEMBER OF HIS PARTY TO HAVE ENTERED PARLIAMENT.

3. FURTHER ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION, TRIAL OF A MINISTER
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OR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MALFEASANCE OF OFFICE TAKES PLACE DIRECTLY IN THE COURT OF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT) AFTER IMPEACHMENT BY PARLIAMENT, WHICH IMPEACHMENT IS NECESSARY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACCUSED IS STILL IN OFFICE OR HAS LEFT OFFICE. NEXT STAGE IN THIS CASE, THEREFORE, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH PROSECUTION, WILL BE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT.

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